

Minutes

CRIMINAL JUSTICE PARTNERSHIP ADVISORY BOARD MEETING JANUARY 19, 2000

Board Members Present: Chairperson Craig Brown, District Court Judge; Gayle Harris, Health Department; Lao Rubert; Evester Bailey, Durham Center; James W. Ellis Jr., DCC; Carolyn Titus, Deputy County Manager; Kenneth Titus, Chief District Court Judge;

Board Members Absent: Orlando Hudson, Senior Resident Superior Court Judge; Ellen Reckhow, County Commissioner; Peter Baker; Captain John Knight, Durham Police Department; Mary Caudle, Community work Service; Candy Clark, Victim's Assistance; Riley Butler, Community Penalties; Jim Hardin, District Attorney; Shannon Tucker, Assistant Public Defender; Jessie Pickett-Williams, Vocational Rehabilitation; Wes Crabtree, Office of the Sheriff; Dr. George Wilson; Brian Aus

Staff: Gudrun Parmer, Jo Iverson, Wilhelmina Foster-Long, and Tishri P. Gibson

Visitors: Adriane P. Reese, DCC

The meeting was called to order by Chairman, Judge Craig Brown at 1:08 p.m.
The minutes for the November 17, 1999 meeting were approved unanimously.

Judge Craig Brown led the discussion in the possibility of establishing a formal linkage between the CJPAB and the local JCPC. He stated since the partnership board dealt with adult offenders age 16 and older, the board needed to explore what linkage was necessary. Adriane Reese reported that Orange/Chatham County decided to merge their boards, because the members of the boards overlapped. The newly created board was divided into sub-committees that deal with adults or juveniles. This seems to be working out well in Orange/Chatham County, because each side is equally represented. Evester Bailey cautioned that the board should examine whether this linkage would compliment or enhance its position. Judge Titus pointed out that the statute clearly noted the responsibility of this board to be the adult offender population. Judge Brown stated at this stage it was simply helpful to know what was going on in JCPC and vice versa. There should be a dialog between CJPAB, JCPC, and the County Manager, in terms of what formal linkage would be set up. Gudrun Parmer was encouraged to continue to attend the JCPC meetings to keep the board abreast of events.

Gudrun Parmer and Jo Iverson presented an update of current developments in the programs. Ms. Iverson presented the quarterly program status report. Enrollment was slightly up in December 1999. CJRC report showed the progress of each program, including the new Drug Treatment Court program, which is coming along slowly, with 1 admission in November and 2 new admissions in December. DTC clients receive substance abuse treatment, along with access to employment services, and the educational program. Mrs. Parmer gave a program update, reporting that she had been invited to a meeting with the Probation JDM and Chiefs. The meeting was very productive, the chiefs indicated they would review monthly reports in the future and follow up on the ones that were problematic. Mr. Ellis reported probation was in the process of transferring a lot of cases to the on-site Probation Officers. Ms. Parmer stated the CBI program would start new classes during this week, and on-site Probation Officers would co-facilitate with Case Managers. Adriane Reese mentioned that the IMS and the OPUS Database now had coinciding data. She stated the IMS system had been revised, and would be on-line February 1st. The new application for continuation funding was also user-friendlier and had been reduced to 9 pages. A financial update was presented showing there has been no overspending, the available balance at the 50% margin. Ms. Parmer stated that a concern was the continuation funding for "Just Us", since the 2 year grant from the Governor's Crime Commission would end this fiscal year. A grant application had been sent to the Bureau of Justice Assistance, a federal grant, requesting funds for the Just Us Program. Judge Titus suggested that staff also reapply to the Governor's Crime Commission for funding. Mrs. Parmer reported that the Governor's

Crime Commission had approved the application for the Juvenile Day Reporting Center in the amount of \$207,000, this money would not roll over, and the money must be spent by December 2000. Currently, staff was waiting for the School Board's decision on the Lakeview School project; the proposal included Juvenile DRC's location at the alternative school.

Gudrun Parmer led the discussion regarding the FY 2000/20001 Grant Application process for CJPP funding. This application due date was March 15, 2000, which was also be the date of the next board meeting. It was suggested that the grant application be presented to the Executive Board for approval.

Judge Craig Brown led the discussion on establishing a subcommittee to revise the current Community-Based Corrections Plan, which had been developed in 1994. The old plan needed to be reviewed for revisions and updated to reflect new resources now in place. He stated the legislature intended that the CJPAB should present an updated plan to the Board of County Commissioners annually. The goal is to present the revisions to County Commissioners after the upcoming budget. In order for revisions to be well rounded and complete, representatives needed to be present from the Police Department, DA's office, and Public Defender's office. Judge Brown mentioned the strength of this board was its cross representation of the criminal justice community. It was suggested that instead of creating a sub-committee, a special board meeting be scheduled that would focus solely on the revisions to the Community Corrections Plan. It was suggested that the meeting be held in the Grand Jury room on February 10, 2000 from 1:00 – 2:30, since a lot of the members were located in the courthouse

The board reviewed the latest dropout rates for the program and discussed possible steps to improve retention. Judge Titus suggested talking with Angela Saulters regarding dropouts, and sending those offenders through the Drug Treatment Court Program, so they have a more intense review in the DTC Program. Ms. Parmer mentioned that one of the problems was that program participants get jobs, pay restitution and comply with Probation, so nothing was done by DCC to curb those clients' non attendance. Often CJRC staff had to close those cases for non-compliance. The consensus was that Probation Officers who sent their clients to the CJRC needed to commit to the program. Ms. Reeseey suggested that now that CJPP was under DCC, DCC talk to Probation Officers and Chiefs. She emphasized that Probation was making an effort to get all the cases to the officers on site, so they could get a handle on the situation. Staffing with Case Managers and PO's were being also held weekly, regarding client's attendance and progress. It was suggested that the Board keep track of the things attempted, to monitor progress of corrective steps.

The next Advisory Board meeting was set for March 15, 2000. James Ellis, Co-Chair adjourned the meeting at 2:20 p.m.